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How John H. Caldwell

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I presume to address you not being
personally acquainted with you but still
I know your name & trust you will not
take any exceptions to my being from Colburn
to you. I shall presume in this to
ask a great favor of you & hope it is
that your full approbation & approval
knowing & hoping it is in your power
to confer this special asked for favor
I will appreciate it richly & will
then than liberally satisfy you for your
expense, trouble kindness &c &c &c

I would that you may be safe in
recommending me on to visit you sometime
in getting or securing the asked for position
& satisfy you I will give you a short line
of my family & some good references &c

I am a grandson of Mathew Allen
two miles from Alexandria (near the Bunker)
has been dead some years & also the grand
son of Daniel Hinch one mile north of
Appond & am the only son of C. S. Allen
two miles north of Appond below the Snow
works, hope you know something of my family
& I was raised in Colburn & remained
there until last May. I should soon be
engaged to say I am well pleased in
every respect & I am twenty six years of
age. has been in the mercantile line of
business for the ^{last} five years.

In reference to I will give you Capt
Wm. Harris T. P. Knap & L. S. Dwyer &
as may attend as you want to think them
good reliable men & hope you will if
necessary write to all these parties & if
to any other parties near Appond L. S. Dwyer
L. S. Kelly or Williams or any reliable
old citizens & they can give you my
character as to my habits & behavior
with my competence & ability show
my general standing &

The position that I see heartily ask you
for is one of appointment as Route agent
in the U S Mail Service & I have some
little experience in this but never was
appointed or held the position I kept
the Oxford Post office eight months
in 1811 - & also the Post Office at -
Amherst on Woodstock street for six months
& up to the time I left there. I refer
you to the Woodstock I can be if you want
or want to be as I have business for there
two years & a half just before leaving after
probably Bro W A Fanny could give you
some specific information in some way
about this matter as he is in Congress
from our State & so should this request
not be in your favor & is in his will
your pleasure turn this letter over to him
but to be sure you use the proper one & will
not hesitate to give him a favorable
answer after you are satisfied as to
by branches standing & so I am deeply interested
indeed in this matter - I mean & want business
want a good permanent position & will

now think that he has some confidential friends
as desired you do this matter & as before stated
will think would you be appreciated financially
to help you will take by request in full &
due consideration & greatly obliged for
I would like to have the opportunity about
the first of June next time will take
it when I can get it, would prefer to
have it in some of the Middle States
Kentucky, Tennessee or North Carolina
and to you South or some other state
agree with the one with the best will
but object when if I can find the
position & California would answer
June prefer some of the Middle States
by this time with your full consent
& May I have again influence your special
favor in this matter please should it
be best to send in after while will
have this matter to you, have done right
two long please I can be ready to send
it later & after you inquire with
by standing & please let me hear from
you & if agreeable let me know of the receipt
of this May I have your special attention in this
said no any interesting political news is your letter
accepted your good wishes for your future success & I am
S. B. Allen

Grandland Kent
Swiss Boys City



How. John. H. Baldwin,
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From 5th Alabama District } L. b